

Last weekend in my homily, I spoke about our loving God that has provided so many things for us. One item in particular that is so necessary in our daily lives is the food that we eat. God has given us the earth that we are able to work with our bodies to provide the food that we need for nourishment.

We as a parish here at St. Francis do many things throughout the year that help those that are less fortunate to be able to eat. Each weekend on Sunday evening we have our Hope Diner. Volunteers come to provide a meal for those that might not have dinner that night. Have you ever thought of volunteering to serve at the Hope Diner? It is a great ministry and opportunity to share with those that are less fortunate.

We also have our Hope Garden. The garden is winding down for the season and the time is coming to put the garden to bed for the winter months. There is much work that goes into making this project possible in order for us to provide fresh fruits and vegetables for those that come to our Food Pantry. It is never too early to start thinking about next year and how you may want to help out with this ministry.

One other area that we as a parish helps to share our abundance with others is our Parish Food Pantry that is located in the "Old Hall." Each week many of you bring groceries to help stock the shelves of the pantry and we are coming up to the season in which we will be providing Food Boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Each of these areas are also places in which we can use volunteers.

I would encourage each of you to think about how you might want to help out with these ministries that help those in need get some of the basic necessities that they need in life to flourish. If you would like to volunteer in any of these ministries please feel free to reach out to our Social Action Coordinator Anna Wilson and she would be thrilled to find you a place to put you to work!

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